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RE:Retirement notification

Dear Colchester Board of Education and Dr. Thomas Mc Dowell,

This letter serves as a notification to inform you of my retirement date, which will be effective, January 2, 2024.
At the end of this current 2022-23 school year I will have a total of 37.1 years as an educator in the State of Connecticut, having completed 36 of those years within the Colchester School District, and another 1.1 year elsewhere.
The reason for my mid-year departure is to establish my maximum benefit for the Teachers Retirement Board, where I will be fully vested at 60, with 37.5 years of service as of January 2024.
I recall vividly in 1987 being escorted by Wally Harris, the principal at that time, to my classroom where I taught grades 6-8. In 1999, I traveled from the middle to the high school for one year, and then solely at Bacon Academy where I have been ever since.
I am grateful for the many good years in the Colchester system, so many awesome exchanges with colleagues, and students. The Teacher of the Year accolade given to me in 2003, was an added bonus.
I honestly cannot believe I am at this point in my life, as the years moved by so quickly, and I can't say I regret ever choosing this profession. My hope is that all the youngsters I have taught will one day feel the same, and just maybe I gave them a bit of inspiration to see the importance of becoming a visual communicator and how its value plays out in the game of life.

I understand that this letter of intent is required from the district prior to October 1, 2022, in order to receive my accrued sick time stipend. I would appreciate confirmation of your acceptance of my intention to retire, my entitlement of my accrued sick days stipend, and full person benefits under my contract with the Colchester District School Board.

Thank you.
In solidarity,

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Cc: Dr. Charles Hewes

Accepted
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Please prepare letter